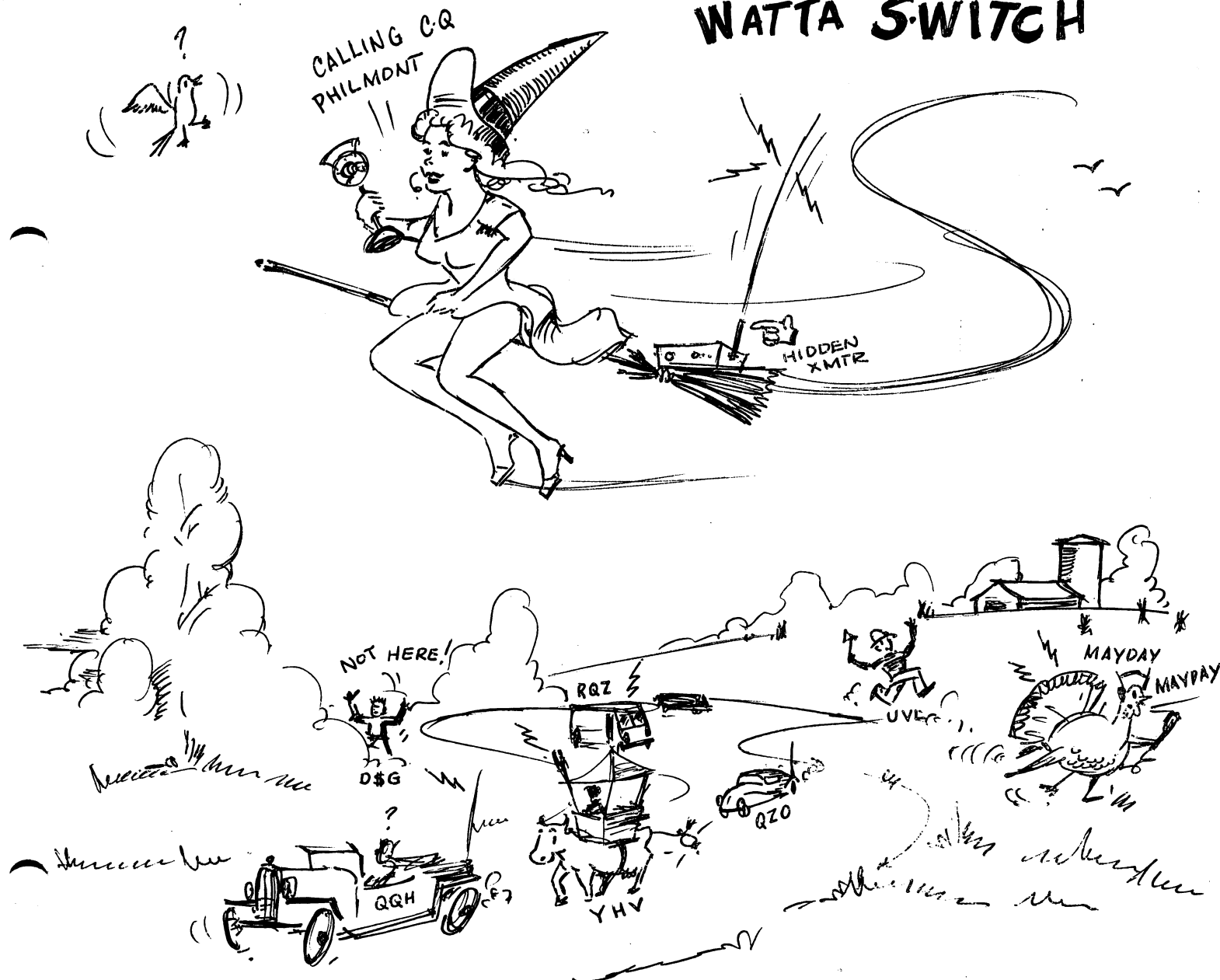


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MEETINGS

First Monday of the month at, TOWN HALL
Germantown Av @ Haines St, Phila. @ 2000

NETS & NET FREQUENCIES

Ch 1 - 29493 Kcs Ch 3 "11" is gone
Ch 2 - 29626 Kcs Ch 4 - 50.7 Mcs.
Scrambled-Egg Net, Weekdays, 0730-0830
Ten-on-Ten Net, Sundays, 1000-1100
Blarney Sessions, Anytime, Ch 1 or 2
29493 kcs is monitored daily, 0830-2400
for the benefit of mobiles in Phila. area

don't forget, 'tis almost votin' time!

use your vote, don't let it go to

waste!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Let's Review the Break-in Procedure

One of the things we Philmonters have always been proud of, is our efficient break-in procedure. However, from some of the operation I've heard on the frequency lately and from some of the habits I've caught myself falling into, it has become apparent that the procedure could stand reviewing. Actually, in principle, it is very simple: (1) the breaker beats against the transmitting station's signal by throwing his carrier on for three short pips, (2) one of the other stations in the QSO, upon hearing the three pips, acknowledges the breaker by throwing his carrier on for two short pips, (3) then when the transmitting station stands by, the next member of the QSO to take the frequency invites the breaker to identify and he is worked into the QSO in turn. It certainly sounds simple enough and I'm sure every one of you could have written it out just as I have. However, because of a few bad habits that some of us have fallen into lately, our break-in operation has been deviating considerably from the efficient procedure we were once so proud of. First of all, the breaker instead of simply identifying himself, all too often continues on into a lengthy transmission immediately. This breaks the trend in thought and conversation between the stations already in contact and also often prevents identification of other breakers when there are more than one. Apparently as a defensive measure against this type of operation, many of us have developed the habit of recognizing a breaker with the comment "I hear a breaker in there, We'll be with you in just a minute, breaker." Then he proceeds with his transmission and often times completely forgets the breaker. Each one of these bad habits promotes the other. The breaker, in fear of being put off, makes his transmission at the same time he identifies. To avoid this, fellows already in contact have been putting breakers off until they finish expressing their own trend of thought. I don't know which came first, the chicken or the egg but let's all be on guard against bad manners in connection with break-in procedure. Let's not have that old efficient Philmont operation die at the hands of a snowballing affect of bad operating manners.

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THE LATEST SCOOP:

Elections are coming up - the committee is busy getting a slate together. So far we have a very good crowd running but need one or two more names to help round it out. If you are called upon by the committee chairman W3DOU you had better have a good excuse not to take it. The slate will be announced at the next meeting - if there are any on the slate who would like the kiss of death, W3PKY will gladly campaign for him! The continuous running tape machine is very obnoxious and will guarantee sure failure for those who were talked into a deal by the committee and would just as soon loose. A few boys were asked to run this year that were just too hard pressed for the time. ---

BANQUET ANNOUNCEMENT

A switch was made in the location for the banquet because the Anchorage was just not big enough to fit in the gang. It seems there are a lot of places around that will handle 100 people but we have consistently hit 130 so it puts us into the 200 to 300 class room. Spence took the bull by the horns and signed up the William Penn Inn on route 202 with a large and elegant room capable of holding about 200. The menu - well we will cover that later. Its good - the tariff is \$5. the club will subsidize more this year than ever before so if you don't get out Jan. 17th and get your just remuneration it will be your own fault. More on that later. ---

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

At the October mid-month meeting, the subject of club expenditures and costs of operating were discussed, in the light of possible need for increasing the club dues next year. The pros and cons of several proposals were discussed with fairly strong agreement among the group that an increase in dues can be justified on the basis of increased costs. However, such a move requires an amendment to the constitution which can be passed only by a majority vote of the membership. Therefore, this subject will be discussed and possibly voted on at the November meeting. I felt that in view of the importance of such a move, you should all be notified in the Blurp so that you can give the matter some thought prior to the November meeting. Justification and details of the proposals will be discussed at the meeting.

C U November 3rd

W3YJM

INCORPORATION FINALLY ACHIEVED!!

As of last Friday October 17, 1958, we are now an officially incorporated organization thanks to the efforts of John, W3AWH. We must go back in time a bit in fact to early in the year of our Lord 1952, to a mid-month meeting held at 200 Midland Road (W3PKY) when the subject of Incorporation was actively pushed to get much needed protection to those in responsible positions such as this business of editing. Well the walls of 200 Midland Road were badly bent but not beaten and here 5½ years later they were repaired and the feat was accomplished. There is much to be said about the road behind but the road ahead is of much more concern to us all. In that direction is extremely important that those who have the club interest at heart be present at the next mid-month meeting. It is there that the future of the club will be molded and in that statement ED is dead serious. We will rewrite the club constitution to contain a board of directors who will be elected each year (at least in part) to represent the club's interest. If you are interested in having

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your thought heard see to it that you show on the scene. The club name is now Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club Inc. and you all are now members of a big corporation - 100 strong. The petition was presented to the court in Norristown last Friday through the efforts of our own leglebegle W3AWH. John did a nice job of presenting the case to the club in a fashion which was understandable to all. He lined up the support, worked up the paper work and pushed it through the paperwork mill. Remember this is bread and butter to John and at no cost to us. Your recommendation to your friends in need of leglebegling wouldn't hurt a bit either.

Your Blurb staff is rather proud of the fact that this is the third of a group of significant proposals which have affected the better welfare of the club.

1. The sponsorship of the MID-MONTH meeting at 3725 Haverford Road - October 1951 6 members present. Club membership about 29 total!
2. The sponsorship of Incorporation proceedings of the club. 200 Midland Road, Feb 1952 21 members present.
3. The proposal for limiting the membership to 100. No date in Ed's records.

Some of these as you can see have taken a long time in arriving, but the important thing is, we believe, that they got here. Let us hope the Incorporation will do as well for us as the first organizational proposals.

The staff plans to take all Technical pages that have ever been published in the Blurb and have them bound in a manual for mobileers. Help is needed on this project - any takers? --We found out what the attraction at the golf matches is for W3LNQ - Frank was entertaining 3 women in his car - not all at one time - of course. --We got a lot of reaction to last months pleading for news but no news - can't win. ---W3VVS received 2 QSL's in return for all those sent from Ohio - about average for Philmonters sez Paul. ---W3SCR is now on single side beam (one side element has broken loose from the feed line).---W3UMK is again mobile thanks to chief engineer W3WNC. Dick is active 0800 to 0820 and 1655 to 1725. The rig went Kaput balloon-aticing - Dick reports:

Memo from a frustrated 10 meter Ballonatic! Sure, I called CNO---"It's our anniversary - Sarah and I are going to NYC"; Happy Anniversary, Geroge! HYU said he had company coming, and besides his mobilerig was out of the car. Seems to me I've had that experience with him before. So I got on Montgomery Co. net Thursday nite - only 26 on board - nobody interested. Used old reliable QV to get word to QQH; got word back he couldn't make it. Sent word to QKW viz ZKV; finally gave up on ten, and called OAI one of Lower Merion two meter mobiles and also BPY - OAI said he was free Saturday and glad to know I had solved his problem of what to do for him--(He's a bache;or), needless to say! So Saturday the 18th Oct. I follow OAI to Wilmington, and we both follow ballon to landing near Salem. Talked to WNC from Media but power supply conked out when I tried to come back to him at Christy's corner.

The gang had a nice tour of the Nike site - about 15 showed up and were shown the works. Many thanks to W3HAS.

Not much news this month - ED has been away-----again!

From the Bison, Indiana R.C. Council--

A Ham knocked at the Heavenly Gate

He felt tired and old;

He stood before the Man of fate

For admission to the fold.

PHILMONT TEK-NI-GRAM - NOV. 1958

AS PLY POINTED OUT IN LAST MONTHS BLURB - W3BS AND W3AJQ HAVE RUN SOME INTERESTING ANTENNA TESTS. THE RESULTS AS GIVEN US BY W3BS ARE AS FOLLOWS. —

W3BS CAR - ANTENNA MOUNT - PREMAX BALL NO SPRING - ON LEFT REAR FENDER NEAR TOP.

W3AJQ CAR - ANTENNA MOUNT - MASTER MOBILE + SPRING - TOP OF TRUNK COMPARTMENT LEFT SIDE.

BOTH EL MAC AF67 LOADED 100 MA. @ 500V WITH EACH ANTENNA.

BOTH CARS OLDS 88's - W3BS. 1956 - W3AJQ - 1957

RESULTS ARE SHOWN IN ORDER OF FIELD STRENGTH.

W3AJQ

FREQ. 29.6 M.C.

1. MASTER MOBILE 100" WHIP
38" BASE - 1 1/2" COUPLING - 60 1/2" WHIP

2. MARK HELI WHIP

3. SHAKESPEARE WONDEROD.
36" BASE - 3/4" COUPL. - 60" WHIP

4. 41 M.C. SPIRAL WOUND ANT
ON 24" BASE

5. MOSLEY TRIBAND

FREQ 28.7 M.C.

1. MASTER MOBILE 100" WHIP

2. MARK HELI WHIP

3. 41 M.C. SPIRAL WOUND
ON 24" BASE

4. SHAKESPEARE WONDEROD
36" BASE 3/4" COUPL. 60" WHIP

5. MOSLEY TRIBAND

FREQ 14.25 M.C.

1. CENTER LOADED
BASSET COIL ON 38" BASE
AND TELESCOPING WHIP

2. JOHNSON BI NET

3. CENTER LOADED
BASSET WITH SHAKESPEARE
36" BASE and 60" WHIP

W3BS

1. 41 M.C. SPIRAL WOUND
ON 24" BASE

2. MASTER MOBILE 100" WHIP

3. MARK HELI WHIP

4. WONDEROD

5. MOSLEY TRIBAND

1. MASTER MOBILE 100"

2. 41 M.C. SPIRAL
WOUND ON 24" BASE

3. MARK HELI WHIP
MOSLEY TRIBAND
WONDEROD

FREQ. 21.25 M.C.

1. CENTER LOADED
BASSET WITH SHAKESPEARE
36" BASE 60" WHIP

2. CENTER LOAD BASSET
M.M. WHIP.

3. MOSLEY TRIBAND

NOTES - W3BS HAD TO USE 100 WATT VAR. ACROSS FEED LINE
AT AF67 TO LOAD INTO MOSLEY TRIBAND

FIELD STRENGTH ANT. 35' TO 40' AWAY.

BEST TRANSMIT RESULTS ALSO BEST RECEIVE RESULTS.

- W3DOU

"What have you done?" St. Peter asked,
"To gain admission here?"
I have been a 75 fone operator, Sir
for many a year.
The Pearly Gates swung wide open
St. Peter touched the bell -
"Come in and choose your harp," He said,
"You have had your share of H---".

For Sale--

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10 meters

20 meters

\$10.00

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